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Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether the Central Government have requested this Government to send some consignment of rice to Ceylon some time back and if so, whether it has been dropped?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I have no information. But, I have already stated that the Government of India have also completely stopped export of rice in view of the rising prices.

Co-operative Milk Supply Unions in the City

* 91 *Q.*—Sri K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the activities of Co-operative Milk Supply Unions in the City and in the State are subject to periodical supervision by Government Officers; and

(*b*) whether the loans advanced to them are being recovered?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Foreign studies of a Junior Honorary Surgeon at Government cost

* 92 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Junior Honorary Surgeon of the General Hospital, Madras, was sent abroad in the year 1955 at Government cost; and

(*b*) if so, for what purpose?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) No Honorary Surgeon attached to the Government General Hospital, Madras, was sent abroad in 1955 for training at Government cost.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: May I know whether any Surgeon or person with M.B., B.S., Degree qualification was sent abroad in 1955 and if so the total financial commitment to our State Government?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: Sir, the question relates to Honorary Medical Officers and I have already stated that no such Honorary Medical Officers have been sent abroad.

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: May I know whether Junior Honorary Surgeons from the Stanley Hospital have been sent abroad for further studies?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: The question relating to Honorary Officers has already been answered.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : My question relates to the Stanley Hospital.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that one Dr. Natarajan, Honorary Junior Surgeon, was sent abroad for further studies at the cost of the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Not so far as I know, Sir.

Burial ground for Muslims at Kozhikode

* 93 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to supplementary question on starred question No. 2187 on the 22nd August 1955—

(*a*) whether the Collector of Malabar has since received the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kozhikode, about the alternative site for the burial ground for Muslims; and

(*b*) if so, whether the burial ground has been now provided?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Starting of paper mills

* 94 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have finalized the proposal to start paper mills in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know whether any steps have been taken by this Government to expedite the establishment of paper mills in this State and if so what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the establishment of a paper mill is not such an easy thing. We have to go into so many questions. Recently, we invited the Industrial Adviser to the Government of India and had a Conference at Ootacamund with the experts. We found that in order to establish a big newsprint factory, we require a lot of wattle and bluegum and the production of wattle and bluegum, which are now available in Kodaikanal and Nilgiris Hills, has to be stepped up. The Government have taken steps in the direction. It will take some time. Anyway, the matter is under consideration and examination. That will go to the public sector when it is ready. So far as the manufacture of writing paper from out of bamboo and other materials is concerned under the Plan of the Government of India, that will go to the private sector. Therefore, we have invited